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## ANNIVERSARY MEETING

This will be held in the British Philatelic Association Boardroom at 446 Strand, London, W.C.2, on **Saturday, September 28th, 1968, at 3 p.m.** A display will be given of selected pages from the collection of JAMAICA formed by the late Cecil Patrick by courtesy of Robson Lowe Ltd.

**LONDON EVENING MEETING**

A meeting has been arranged to be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th of December, 1968, in the Boardroom of the British Philatelic Association at 446 Strand, London, W.C.2. Mr. L. E. Britnor will be showing items of Postal History of the B.W.I.

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## DISPLAY

**50th PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN, BUXTON, 1968.**

**Eleven attended the Study Circle meeting of collectors interested in British West Indies under the leadership of W. A. Townsend held on Thursday, 6th June, at the Palace Hotel, Buxton.**

**K. J. A. O. MANNING**

Showed early postal history of Antigua. Many items being from the Codrington correspondence. Several items of interest were shown including letters sent via captains of ships who received a payment of one penny per letter for their work. The earliest letter was 1722. The small type, single line Antigua cancel was exhibited, of which only four such specimens have been recorded.

Many slightly larger types of single line Antigua also were shown, some four different founts of type known to have been used.

PORTSMOUTH SHIP LETRE in single line cancel was shown and was believed to be unique.

Circular large type lettered cancel formed the outside with the date and year 1809 was next exhibited. This was shown to have had the "year" deleted later, but it was re-introduced in 1824.

**DISPLAY (contd.)**

A cover (1815) with large fleuron type cancel shown with marking in red "withdrawn ship letter" - Ken Manning explained how an Act of Parliament prohibited ships from carrying letters privately unless authorised by such a mark.

Antigua small fleuron was shown July 7th, 1832. This type being in use from 4th March, 1826, until 25th September, 1840.

"Leeward Islands" - stamped in green used on the Falmouth Packet - many copies show this cancel very much faded.

Many other interesting letters and items were displayed - several around the region of 1762 and during the time of Napoleon's rise to power, and the struggle for the retention of places like Martinique and other islands. The display was most interesting to all.

**W. A. TOWNSEND**

Showed scarce watermarks of British Guiana. Some of the paper used for the preparation of these stamps bore the paper makers' name. The first shown was:-

**A. COWAN & SONS**
**EXTRA SUPERFINE**

with a monogram below "A C & S" in script letters.

A portion only appeared on the stamp. This paper was used for stamps, circa 1860.

2. **T. H. SAUNDERS**, 1863 - (used 1863-65)
3. **ORIGINAL TURKEY MILL - KENT** (1863-67)
4. **T. H. SAUNDERS** (1863-72)
5. **J. WHATMAN** (1867-74)

another type showed **W. KING** (1873-74) obviously prepared by "**WHATMAN MILLS**."

Quite an unusual and interesting display of items which were of considerable rarity. J.D.T.

**NOTES AND QUERIES**

# ANGUILLA

When I borrowed the article on East End, Anguilla cancellation I promised a copy of a letter I had about them in 1958 from a Mr. R. Wells, of Grimsby. I used to correspond with him and had been offered 3 covers from Road,

Anguilla: I asked for information and offered him one which he accepted. He replied as follows:-

"In 1937/8 I became interested in getting colonial pmks. In Anguilla there were listed in Leewards Islands P.O. Guide, Valley G.P.O., East End, Road, Forest and Blowing Point, when I asked my correspondent to get them for me he said the offices did not exist (he worked in a Govt. Dept. but not the G.P.O.).

Shortly afterwards in a series in S.C. these offices were listed and I wrote a letter to the Editor that I thought they did not exist.

Mr. A. W. Morley wrote to the effect that he had seen an example of one of them so I wrote again to St. Kitts. My correspondent saw the P.M. at Basseterre who stated they had never existed to his knowledge nor did any old residents remember them. There the matter rested for a while.

It would, I suppose, be sometime in 1939 that Mr. Morley (who was at that time in the leather trade) became a customer of mine: he specialises in Leeward Is. and has written several magazine articles about them. About 1947 he sold out of leather and purchased a philatelic business in Manchester and I had not heard from him for several years. I wrote and sent him a wants list some time ago and he sent me a 1½d. brown St. Kitts very clearly postmarked Forest, Anguilla, Nov. 25-30. I sent this out to my correspondent in St. Kitts who took it to the P.M. He was very surprised and as a result they had a good clear out at the G.P.O. and made a full scale inquiry. In the G.P.O. they found the four postmarks of these offices, my correspondent was shown them in very clean condition and they did not appear to have had much use. It was further ascertained that these P.O.s had been open for a while in the Customs Houses but there had been so little trade that they had been closed down. No dates were given to me: I think none were available. I still have that l½d. stamp and am under the impression that A.M. had picked up two or three copies somewhere.

The Governor of the Leeward Is. officially closed the four offices by an order in Council in, I think, January or April, 1940, but they had been, in fact, closed many years previously.

About 1948 I had a Christmas card from Alan Morley and mounted inside was a 2d. stamp postmarked East End, Anguilla, dated December - year not legible. (Rest not relevant).

Roger Wells."

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The particular reference to the article I borrowed is that it hardly seems likely, if this account is correct, that one of the offices had an additional canceller.

*F. B. Lisle*

# BARBADOS

**Query on B.W.I. Paper No. 2 - The Postal Markings of Barbados - Canceller R.6 (Barbados R.L.O.).**

I remember about twenty years ago there was some discussion on this postmark in the Philatelic Magazine. An old friend of mine who is no longer with us (Mr. F. J. Woodcock, former Postmaster of Dar-es-Salaam) challenged the statement that this canceller had anything to do with registered letters and maintained it was "Returned Letter Office." His views were not accepted as far as I can remember on the grounds that it had always been taken as a registered letter cancellation. Recently a cover came into my hands which seems to vindicate my old friend and makes it clear that this canceller is used by the "Returned Letter Office." The cover in question was sent by a friend of mine to a relative who was at that time cruising on the R.M.S. Andes, it was sent via Bridgetown, it was not delivered and was eventually returned to sender. The cover is all the more interesting as it is a genuine piece of correspondence sent in the normal way and eventually returned: it was not manufactured, the two people concerned are not philatelists.

The markings on the cover are as follows:- G.B. 4d, Christmas Stamp cancelled 20th November, 1967 at Bath, Somerset. Backstamped with Air Mail, G.P.O. Barbados W.I., similar to the one recorded as Al, but instead of the two black spacing bars, line spacing bars separate Air Mail from the rest, also note addition of W.I. Date 4.30 p.m. 4 or 14 Dec. 67.

Backstamped again on the 20th December, 1967 at 10 a.m. by the Canceller in question.

Backstamped again on 24th January, 1968 by London machine cancellation in conjunction with Ideal Home slogan cancellation. Other marks on the front:-

In violet - a stamp in the shape of a printing hand with "returned to sender" on it, underneath, may be part of the same stamp, marked "Reasons checked" and a number of various reasons, none of which are ticked. There is also the normal boxed "Returned to Sender" stamp applied to letters in this country.

The address has been cancelled in red biro and with the same biro marked "Returned to Sender." A red crayon has been scribbled on the front and also encircling address of sender on back. Also on front a tick by a red pencil.

I hesitate to say the hand returned to sender stamp was applied at Bridgetown, but I think this is likely. There is no question of this being anything but a "Returned Letter," definitely not a Registered one.

This cover would seem to settle the issue but against this the postmark is known used on stamps. I have it on a piece 2½d. plus ½d. stamp postmarked 5-3-07 soon after the canceller was sent to the colony. I also have it on other

stamps. One would not expect to find a "Returned Letter Office" mark on stamps except if used by accident, in this case it is not uncommon on stamps, so accident seems precluded. It is relevant to state that all other known registration cancellations are inscribed either "Registered" or "Registration." Can other members produce covers with this cancellation and say what its use was on those occasions. Is it possible that it has been used in both capacity as a "registered" and "returned letter" cancellor.

Going onto another registration cancellor (R.8.) I would suggest this is still current as you find it used on postage stamps of the present issue.

*L. R. Coasby*

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# BRITISH WEST INDIES

**MAIL BOAT SERVICE. (Continued from Bulletin No. 56, p. 9)**

On 10th June, 1830, the Governor of the Bahamas suggested that instead of the Mail being left at Crooked Is. a Colonial Mail Boat be sent to Jamaica, and to take the Bahamas Bag to Nassau, and to leave the replies at Crooked Is. on her way back to Jamaica; the cost of running the Boat would be borne by the Bahamas Government. The P.M.G., however, pointed out that there was no Postmaster at Nassau, and that the revenue being received, about £120 per annum, did not warrant a Postmaster at both Crooked Is. and Nassau. It would therefore be necessary to transfer the Post Office to Nassau so that the postage could be collected.

It was nearly eleven years before the Post Office was transferred to Nassau. On 19th December, 1840, a proposal was made for a Mail Boat to go from Cape Nicola Mole to Nassau; once again it was pointed out that it would be necessary for the Post Office to be moved from Crooked Is,, and that the Postmaster there should be given the option of transferring. The scheme was eventually adopted, and it was reported on 29th January, 1841, that the Postmaster had removed to Nassau.

Some arrangement, however, was evidently made in the meantime, even if only temporarily, for the mail to be conveyed to Nassau from Jamaica, as can be noted from the last paragraph quoted from the Establishment Book (see below). It was probable that the Governor had to make himself responsible for the collection of the postage due on the letters received.

**BRITISH WEST INDIES (contd.)**

The Establishment Book gives the routes of the Packet Boats and the Mail Boats in the West Indies in 1832. It will be noticed that these had not changed very much since the recommendations proposed by G. H. Freeling were adopted in 1820.

"JAMAICA PACKET, 1st Wednesday in the month: proceeds from Falmouth to Barbadoes, St. Vincents, Grenada, lamaica, Crooked Is., and home to Falmouth.

On the arrival of the lamaica Packet at Barbadoes, Mail Boats are despatched on the following Routes:-

One to Demerara, proceeds the next Tide to Berbice where she remains 3 days and returns to Barbadoes, touching again at Demerara with the Bags for England.

A second Boat proceeds to Tobago and Trinidad, remains at each 12 hours, and touches at Grenada and St. Vincents on her return to Barbadoes.

A third Boat proceeds to St. Lucia, Martinique, Dominica, Guadaloupe, Antigua, Monserrat, Nevis, Tortola and St. Thomas, from whence she returns to Barbadoes touching at the British Islands on her way back.

A fourth Mail Boat proceeds to La Guayra, remaining there one week, and then proceeds to St. Thomas with the Bags for England.

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LEEWARD ISLAND PACKET, 3rd Wednesday in the Month; proceeds from Falmouth to Barbadoes, St. Lucia, Martinique, Dominica, Guadaloupe, Antigua, Monserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, Tortola, St. Thomas and home to Falmouth.

24 hours after the arrival of the Leeward Island Packet at Barbadoes from England a Mail Boat is despatched to Demerara and Berbice, as in the case of the lamaica Packet above stated.

A second Boat goes to Tobago and Trinidad, remaining 72 hours at Tobago, and then proceeds to Grenada.

A third Boat proceeds to St. Vincents, Grenada, Trinidad, and St. Vincents. These two last-mentioned Boats meeting at Grenada, one returns to Barbadoes, the other proceeds to St. Thomas, to deliver the Mails for England.

And eight days after the Packet has left Barbadoes another Mail Boat is dispatched to touch all the Islands where the Packet had previously landed Mails, and collects the Bags for England, which she delivers to the Packet at St. Thomas.

One of the Boats on the return to Barbadoes touches at all the Islands to take up Bags; the other returns direct without stopping.

# PARTICULARS

**OF THE**

# SERVICE OF THE MAIL BOATS

**IN**

# THE WEST INDIES.

IMMEDIATELY after the arrival at BARBADOES of every Packet from ENGLAND, a Mail Boat is despatched with the Letters, to DEMERARA, and proceeds the next tide to BERBICE, where she stops Three Days and returns to BARBADOES, touching at DEMERARA for the Letters for ENGLAND.

A second Boat goes to TOBAGO and TRINIDAD (stopping 72 hours at TOBAGO) and then proceeds to TRINIDAD and GRENADA.

A third Boat goes to ST. VINCENT'S, GRENADA and TRINIDAD, and back to ST. VINCENT'S; these two last-mentioned Boats meet at GRENADA, one returns to BARBADOES and the other proceeds to ST. THOMAS to deliver the Mails for ENGLAND.

Eight Days after the Packet has left BARBADOES, a Mail Boat is despatched, which touches at all the Islands where the Packet has landed Mails, to collect the Bags for ENGLAND, which she delivers to the Packet at ST. THOMAS. These Boats touch at all the Islands on their return to BARBADOES.

On the arrival at BARBADOES of the Packet from ENGLAND with the Mail of *the* lst. of every Month, a Mail Boat is despatched to LA GUAYRA, where she remains Three Days, and then conveys the Mail for ENGLAND to ST. THOMAS.

The Tenders to perform this Service must specify the *number* of Boats proposed to be employed, and the rate of hire per Annum for each. The Vessels to be either built specially for the Service, or to be fully equal to those formerly employed, to be confined exclusively to the Service of conveying the Mails, to be completely found in Stores, to be approved by such persons as the Postmaster General may think fit to employ, and be liable to Survey on requisition from any Deputy Postmaster.

The Postmaster General reserves to himself the right of making any alteration in the routes of the Mail Boats.

The Contract to commence from 10th October, 1836, and to be for Seven Years, subject to the Condition of Twelve Months Notice to quit from the Post Master General within that period, in case it should be determined to employ Vessels propelled by Machinery in the performance of the Service, but in such case only.

The Contractor will be required to enter into a Bond, jointly and severally, with two or more Securities, *resident in Great Britain*, for £5,000, for the due performance of the Contract.

## BRITISH WEST INDIES (contd.)

MEXICO PACKET, 3rd Wednesday in the Month; proceeds from Falmouth to Jacquemel, Iamaica, Blize, Vera Cruz, Tampico, back to Vera Cruz, Havannah, and home to Falmouth.

On arrival of the Mexico Packed at Iamaica, a Branch Packet is dispatched to Carthagena, and brings back the replies to Iamaica in time for the Iamaica Packet homeward bound.

A Colonial Boat conveys the Bahamas Mails from Iamaica to Nassau, and takes the replies to Crooked Is. to be picked up by the Iamaican Packet homeward bound."

The depot for the Mail Boats seems to have been transferred from Antigua to Barbados about 1832, as the Postmaster General received a complaint from Antigua on the 7th December, 1832, that the Mail Boat facilities were not as good as formerly. It was pointed out that the extra benefits which she had enjoyed was due to the fact that the Contractor was at Antigua. "Now his depot is at Barbodoes, Antigua has the same facilities as the other Islands."

It was during this period that the control of the Packet Boats was transferred from the G.P.O. to the Admiralty, and a minute in the Treasury Book, dated 13th March, 1838, affords an interesting sidelight on this arrangement. Re the allowances paid to persons employed in conveying the Mail Bags between the Packets and the different Post Offices: "Previous to the transfer of the Packet Service to the Board of Admiralty no expense was incurred for the conveyance of the Mails to and from the water's edge, as that Service was considered to be part of the Packet duty, and was performed under the direction of the Commander by Parties employed the vessels - generally the 2nd Officer or Steward, but the Lords of the Admiralty having declined to undertake any part of the Land conveyance of the Mails, it became necessary to employ persons specially for the purpose in question."

A P.O. Notice of 1835 asked for "Tenders for the Mail Boat Service in the West Indies by Schooner or Sloop of 45 to 60 tons, and with a crew of not less than seven. The Contract to begin on 10th October, 1836, and to be for seven years, but determinable at twelve months notice. This notice is to be sent out to the West Indies by the First December Mail 1835, and to be advertised in the London Daily Papers in the second week of December."

*L. E. Britnor*

# DOMINICA

## DOMINICA AND NEVIS

Regarding Mr. J. C. Loach's notes (Bulletin No. 57, p. 32) on the "Crowned Circle" surcharges of Dominica and Nevis, I had copies of the ½d. and 1d. Dominica, and the ½d. and 1d. Nevis, surcharged in this manner. Unfortunately, I do not possess any on cover, nor have I been able to trace any.

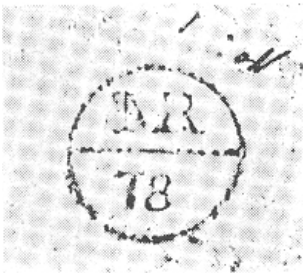
It would certainly be most helpful if any Member, having such a cover, would supply details of same, and, if possible, a photograph, which I am sure our Editor would be only too pleased to reproduce.

*L. E. Britnor*

# JAMAICA

## A JAMAICAN BISHOP MARK?

At the beginning of this year Mr. Willcocks, of Blackheath, brought to my notice the illustrated item of what appears to be a Jamaican Bishop Mark. The letter was sent from the U.S.A. to Jamaica. It is endorsed inside 'Gay Brook 18 Jan. 1799.' The Bishop Mark is dated 'MR. 18' and seems to have been used as a receiving mark.




In an article written in Stamp Collecting on the 11 Jan., 1963, by Mr. Britnor, he gives details of a request made in 1798 for dated markings to be used in the West Indies in order to prevent frauds. Permission was given in a letter dated 8 Oct., 1798, and the first dated markings known are the straight line types. The earliest being St. Kitts, 22 May, 1799.

It would seem that the Bishop mark on this letter was a temporary measure until the proper dated stamp was supplied. It may have been locally made but I think it was sent out from the G.P.O., London, as it is similar to the examples in use in G.B., the U.S.A. and in India.

There may be other examples on West Indian letters around, but in collections where their owners believe them to be English arrival marks. If my reasoning is correct they should be on letters dated between 8 Oct., 1798, and 22 May, 1799. I have shown this item to a number of fellow collectors and they all say that they have an open mind on the subject.

*A. Latham*

# MONTSERRAT

Regarding the postmarks in Britnor's book, having examined some of the specimens in my collection, I can now add the following extension for the dates of use of some of the marks:-

C4c. (p. 79) E.K..D. 29 Nov. 1888
C5a. (p. 80) E.K..D. 8 Sept. 1906 (on Montserrat S.G.25)
L.K.D. 26 Nov. 1910 (on Montserrat S.G.41b)
P4. (p. 83) E.K.D. 19 Aug. 1909 (on Leeward Is. S.G.23)

*W. ff. D. Hall*

# ST. VINCENT

It has, I believe, been reasonably common knowledge that for a period of time all the Georgetown cancellations had a reversed "C."

During the past few years I had always supposed that this commenced on or around May 2nd, 1893, and continued until February 12th, 1896: examination of a considerable number of cancellations had always proved to be within these dates.

Very recently, however, a halfpenny Green came into my possession, with the reverse "C" dated February 4th, 1893, and it would appear, therefore, that my preconceived ideas are quite wrong.

It would be greatly appreciated if any member who has the reverse "C" Georgetown cancellation either earlier than February 4th, 1893, or later than February 12th, 1896, would inform me of the date that they hold.

*G. Moray Stephenson*

# TRINIDAD

## TRINIDAD POST OFFICES

For some time I have been engaged in ascertaining the location of all post offices in the West Indies and am experiencing great difficulty with the following in Trinidad:

Existing (?) Offices

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| Blundell | Mount D'Or |
| Felicity | New Settlement |
| Jordan Hill | Timital |

Obsolete (?) Offices

Kelly Village

If anyone has any information in this connection I will be most grateful if it is passed to the Hon. Secretary for onward transmission. Correspondence would also be welcomed on other postal agencies and offices in the British West Indies.

*Dr. E. K. Doak*

## TRINIDAD - POSTAL STATIONERY

It would be interesting to hear if anyone can shed any light on a Reply Paid card which has recently come to light and which does not seem to have been previously recorded.

This consists of a 1½d. and 1½d. Reply Paid Card, perforated 4 across the top. It is not the same as that issued with the full range of Postal Stationery, including three denominations of Reply Paid cards, which appeared in 1884 in that the stamp is in the design of the 1879 1½d. U.P.U. post card and not in the new design used for the 1884 issue.

The inscription on the top of the upper card - slightly different in spacing from that of the 1884 issue - also matches that of the 1879 1½d. and U.P.U. card exactly, but the stamp itself is some 8mm. further away horizontally from the inscription. On the other hand the inscription in the bottom left hand corner is identical with that on the 1884 issue.

It may well be a proof, or an item prepared for issue before the order for full range of Postal Stationery was received. So far only the one unused example has been seen.

*J. B. Marriott*

# AUCTION GLEANINGS

## H. R. HARMER, Ltd., Sale of December 18, 19, 20, 1967

**Bahamas: 1861**, perf. 11 to 12, 1d. lake, horiz. pair, var. Imperf. between, large part o.g. B.P.A. cert. **£160**

**St. Kitts-Nevis: 1923**, Tercentenary, £1 black and purple on red, S.G. 160, part o.g., centred slightly to right **£140**

**St. Vincent: 1881**, 4d. on l/-, vermilion, S.G. 32, lightly tied to small piece by 'K' in circle dated cancel **£90**

## Sale of January 1, 2, 3, 1968

**Barbados: 1875-78**, perf. 14, l/- aniline violet, S.G. 82, part o.g., centred slightly to top-left, with Royal cert. **£62.10**

" **1878**, large numeral "1" with curved serif, on half 5/-, reading up, unsevered pair, part o.g., S.G. 86a (a few tiny age stains and small nick at top of r.h. stamp.) Royal cert. **£210**

**Bermuda: 1844**, "Philadelphia Commercial List and Price-Current" printed double letter-sheet from Philadelphia to Bermuda, bearing red "BERMUDA/SHIP LETTER" mark in addition to "PAID" Boyd's Express and Middleton & Co., forwarding marks, all in red **£170**

" **1862**, neat envelope addressed to Tunbridge Wells, bearing strip of 6 Great Britain, 1856-58, 1d., rose-red with Mail Boat cancels "A95" (the last numeral unclear); the envelope inscribed in MS "H.M.S. Hero/Bermuda/Ap. 26 62" at lower left. Back stamped "TUNBRIDGE WELLS MY 2762." **£210**

" **1865-1903**, l/- green, vertical strip of 3, perf. 14 x 12½, Imperf. between, S.G. 11a, large part o.g. (bottom stamp slightly creased and small mark on surface, a few perfs. a little short **£675**

**Cayman Islands: 1908** (Feb.), 2½d. on 4d. brown and blue, S.G. 24, part o.g. **£165**

**Dominica: 1966**, Churchill, lc,, mint vert. strip of 4 from lower left corner of sheet, the bottom stamp var. gold printing omitted, comm. S30a, the adjoining stamp var. name and value tablet blank **£310**

**Leeward Islands: 1938-5I**, £1 violet and black on scarlet, var. Wmk. Sideways, S.G. 114 ca, part o.g., centred slightly to top left **£190**

**Montserrat: 1876**, 6d. green, var. Inverted "S," S.G, 2b, part o.g., centre to top. B.P.A. cert. **£115**

**St. Lucia: 1863**, 1d. lake, var. Imperf., S.G. 5a, small part o.g. **£67.10**

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| **St. Vincent:** | **1881**, 4d. on 1/- vermilion, S.G. 32, part o.g,, centred slightly to top left. Royal cert. | **£140** |
| " | **1883-89**, 5/- carmine-lake, S.G. 49 but Printed on both sides, unused. Royal cert. | **£115** |
| " | Perf. 12, the unissued ½d. orange, S.G. 50a, unused; well centred (small thin spot), Royal cert. | **£120** |

**Sale of February 28th, 1968**

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| **Barbados:** | **1852-55**, 2d. greyish slate, S.G, 4a, with portion of adjoining stamp at bottom, part og. | **£22** |
| " | **1861-70**, Perf. 11 to 12, 1d. blue, S.G. 37, unused (centred to top) | **£70** |
| " | **1875-78**, 6d. bright yellow (aniline), S.G. 69, part o.g. | **£60** |
| " | 1/- violet (analine), S.G.71, parto.g. | **£38** |
| " | **1907**, Kingston Relief Fund, 1d. on 2d., lightly postmarked block of 4, upper pair surcharge double S.G. 153b (a few blunt perfs.) | **£155** |
| " | **1907**, Nelson Centenary, 2td. black and indigo, S.G. 162a, large part o.g. | **£90** |
| **Dominica:** | **1877-79**, ½d., 2½d., 4d., imperf., in issued colours, on gummed wmkd. paper, part o.g. | **£57.10** |
| **Leeward Is.:** | **1890**, 1d. dull mauve and rose, large part o.g,, showing the rose printing (name and value tablet) misplaced about 3mm. to right. | **£30** |

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DEAR MEMBER,

When this issue reaches you the longer evenings will be approaching when more of your time can be devoted to your stamps. I suppose it is a fair assumption that most of us have some 'wants' and wonder when any are likely to become available. Unfortunately or fortunately - whichever way you care to look at it - prices continue to rise especially for good material. Whenever you do see one of your 'wants' on offer it is advisable not to dwell too much on the price. It may be quite some while before another comes along and you will regret that you did not seize the opportunity in the first place. As you will have noted elsewhere a display of JAMAICA is being given at our Autumn Meeting and I do hope that many will find it possible to attend. An overseas member wrote to me recently concluding with - 'I enjoy your paper very much and look forward each time to the next one . . , ' It is nice to receive such comments and they are much appreciated particularly by our Editor. The undermentioned have been enrolled as members since our last issue and it is my pleasure to extend to them on your behalf a very warm welcome: M. A. Harris (Hampshire), J. H. Muntinga (Netherlands), M. P. Reilly (Warwickshire), Major A. K. Thompson (Kent), Dr. D. C. Warren (U.S.A.) and H. B. Worthington (Surrey).

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